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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed 23 October 2001 in the above-identified application, applicants present the following amendment and remarks. Claims 36-74 are pending in the application and have been rejected.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in view of the herewith presented remarks.

Response to Section 103 Rejections

1. Claims 36-48, 51-54, 58, 59 and 61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for being unpatentable over Dunphy U.S. Patent No. 5,679,333. The Examiner states that Example 4 of Dunphy discloses a medium for fixing tissue for histological procedures, and that it would